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LOK SABHA

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PAYMENTS BY DDA FOR PLANTING OF SAPLINGS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority had fixed a target of planting two and a half lakh of saplings last year and payment was also made thereof;

(b) if so, whether only ten thousand saplings were actually planted and which were not properly taken care of;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether payments were also made earlier by the Delhi Development authority for planting of saplings without conducting any enquiry; and

(e) if so, the officials found responsible for the same and the action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(c): The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that during the year 2004-2005 the target was for plantation of 4,47,000 plants including 1,57,844 trees and 2,89,156 shrubs. The plantation as per the target has been done. Out of 1,57,844 saplings for trees, 90,634 saplings were purchased at a cost of about Rs.23 lakhs. The remaining plantation was done through saplings from departmental nurseries.

(d): The DDA has further informed that payments are made on the basis of actual number of trees planted after checking the measurement of plants by Assistant Director and test checking by Deputy Director.

(e): In view to reply to (d) above, does not arise.